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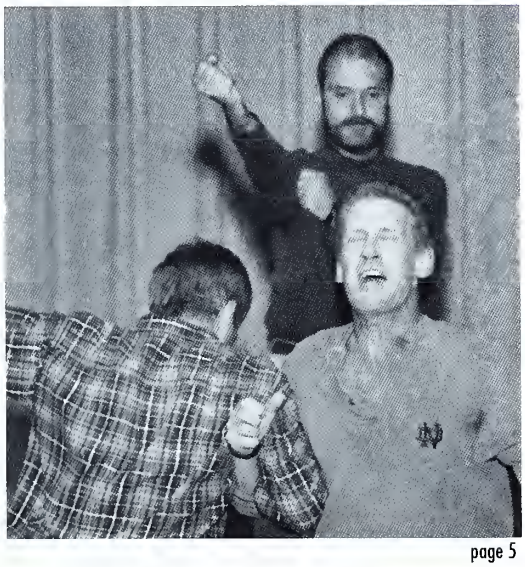

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On the Cover: For Siena Day in March, the north lawn of the Doheny Campus was festooned with costumed faculty, staff and students, a brightly-colored maypole, Elizabethan cuisine, lute music, fanfares by an authentic baroque trumpeter and renaissance dancing. For more on the day, turn to page 8.

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Students Organize Programs, Lectures as They Reach Out to One Another and the Community

by Jill Perry, Public Relations Director

Raquel Vargas was teetering on the edge.

She lived in what she calls a "bad neighborhood" in downtown Los Angeles, she was the youngest of 10 children, none of whom had gone to college, and her picture of life after high school included a job — any job, anywhere. "It really didn't matter what I would do. Just work and hang around with friends. That's all I thought about." Her friends were gang members, she went to their parties and she could have easily joined a gang herself.

Instead, in her senior year in high school, she joined her classmates on a field trip to Mount St. Mary's College.

Vargas has become one of the Mount's many success stories. A 1996 graduate in sociology, she served as a mentor to students at Alain LeRoy Locke High School in South Central Los Angeles during her junior and senior years, and this summer she is working as a counselor for homeless youth.

She is just one example of how a grant to a college can impact many lives.

The Mentor Program she was involved in was established thanks to a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and it has provided the place where students have applied the insights gained in the classroom. Every Friday after school, several Mount St. Mary's students travel to Locke where they talk to the students about a range of topics from how to apply to college to how to respond to pressure to join a gang.

Pam Haldeman, sociology professor and Hewlett grant program director

Mount St. Mary's College mentors give advice and encouragement to Locke High School students at weekly meetings at the South Central Los Angeles high school. Standing from left: Mount St. Mary's College students **Donna Moran, Alexa Stubblefield, Irene DeLeon** and **Irma Aldana**. Seated from left: MSMC student **Maria Blanco** and Locke students Patricio Rodriguez and Maribel Gonzalez.

Touching Students' Lives

"Raquel is a changed person. She's been transformed in the last two years and it has to do with the the Locke Mentor Program. She says she wants to give back to the community," says Pam Haldeman, sociology chair. "There are a number of young women in that program who have blossomed because of their involvement. This whole notion of being involved citizens in the community is crucial in the lives of our students. No matter what their major — business, science, nursing — I see being out there as academic as what they do in here, you just have to put it in a framework based on relevant theory and practice."

To celebrate the end of the 1995 school yeor, Mount St. Mory's College mentars, Locke High School students ond their odvisers gothered for the Hewlett Urbon Engagement Culminatian Dinner. From left to right, **Sandra Bunce**, MSMC Mentor Program faculty adviser; Cliff Webb, Locke High School Mentor Progrom odviser; Monico Webb, the daughter of Annie Webb, the principol of Locke High School, for right.

Cliff Webb, a math teacher at Locke and the students' adviser, says he has seen a visible difference in his students since they have been meeting with the Mount St. Mary's students.

"I've seen improvements in grades and a greater respect toward others. The girls at Locke look at the girls at Mount St. Mary's and say 'if they're doing it, maybe I can too.' They can see the next step they can take in their lives. The girls actually look forward to their meetings and it's usually pretty tough to get them to want to stay at school on a Friday afternoon," Webb says. "This program definitely touches our students' lives."

The mentoring is funded by the Hewlett Urban Engagement and Civic Responsibility grant initiative and is just one of many programs made possible by the grant and initiated by students at both Mount St. Mary's campuses. These events have been intended to help students collaborate, negotiate and join forces in order to present programs to their peers on professional development, cultural expression and discussion of contemporary issues.

Haldeman, the Hewlett grant program director since its inception in 1994, has created a large, portable bulletin board for all the fliers publicizing Hewlett-sponsored activities initiated by students. It is overflowing with multicolored handbills for such diverse activities as a discussion on affirmative action, a lecture by an author on Hispanics in Hollywood, a panel discussion on domestic violence, a reading of Samuel Beckett's works by an actor, a resume workshop and an International Faire. In total, 20 activities were sponsored by student groups during the 1995-96 academic year — triple the number expected.

In addition, several academic departments collaborated on programs and activities such as philosophy, psychology, sociology, art, business, education and modern languages.

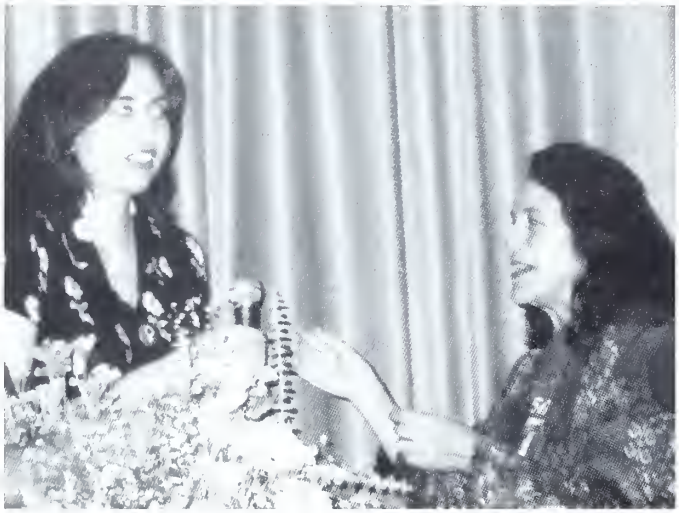
We just had to provide the inspiration

"It shows the potential was there, we just had to provide the inspiration and opportunity and it has just taken off," says Haldeman. "The first year of this grant I had to seek out clubs and groups to see if they wanted to sponsor activities, but this year they're coming to me — my office has just been flooded with students."

She hopes students gain a more sophisticated understanding of public issues and a desire to be involved in the community through Hewlett programs. The original motto of the program was "Building bridges with the community."

Several new clubs have formed and inactive clubs have been given new life. Club members come to Haldeman with written proposals for workshops, lectures, debates or other events they would like to co-sponsor with other clubs. "I've been impressed with the quality of proposals students have given me and the quality of the events. They really rose to the occasion. This is an active experience. It's taking their classroom learning and seeing it close up. It's giving their education relevance," she says.

Uyen Tran performs for fellow students ot the foll 1995 Internotionol Faire.



Renowned civil rights activist Dolores Huerta (right), accepts a floral bouquet of appreciation from **Alejandra Ceja**, president of Latinas Unidas, after speaking to more than 300 students this spring in the Chalon Little Theater.

It really brings excitement to our students

Students, faculty and members of the outside community have attended several of the Hewlett-sponsored events. "It really brings excitement to our students to have people here from the community. It makes them feel part of the whole. We're bringing community to the Mount and trying to take students out into the community," Haldeman says.

Not only are students involved in the activities sponsored by the Hewlett grant, but faculty members are integral to the programs as well, such as Sande Bunce, a sociology lecturer who is the adviser to the students who mentor at Locke High School.

"Faculty involvement has been a unique dimension to this. We need to close up the space between the podium and the row of chairs. We have to look for new environments for teaching what's important," Haldeman says.

"This is about being a member of the community and making a contribution to it, not just putting in hours. We're trying to help students look at this work as being part of a larger community," Haldeman added.

The program also has a strong problem-solving element and includes mediation workshops, which has been particularly important when students are working with peers who have different backgrounds and interests.

Whether it be in problem solving, volunteering side-by-side in a weekly program or organizing a lecture from start to finish, the motto of building bridges has applied to every part of the Urban Engagement and Civic Responsibility Program — bridges have been constructed between students, from students to faculty and from students to the community. "We've been pretty good at what we set out to do and we want to do more," says Haldeman.

1995-96 Student Organization Events

- Affirmative action discussion with Tim Wise, U.C. Berkeley, sponsored by ASB Cultural Co-Chairs, Latinas Unidas and the African American Council of Women.
- Hispanics in Hollywood, by author Luis Reyes, sponsored by Latinas Unidas and Cultural Co-Chairs
- The Clothesline Project: Domestic violence awareness, sponsored by Women Advocates for Knowledge and Empowerment, Residence Hall Association, Associated Student Body and Women's Studies Committee.
- Career awareness panel dinner, sponsored by the Accounting Association and Students In Free Enterprise.
- Panel discussion on domestic violence, sponsored by Psi Chi and the Sociology Club.
- Student participation in the National Conference for Elected Women, attended by members of Women Advocates for Knowledge and Empowerment and Latinas Unidas.
- A reading of Beckett by Ryan Cutrona, actor, organized by the philosophy department and sponsored by the Art Club and the Sociology Club.
- The Asian Pacific Affiliation and the Vietnamese Student Association hosted the Southern California Pilipino American Student Association.
- Interactive resume workshop conducted by Students In Free Enterprise, the Accounting Association and ASB at the Chrysalis Employment Center in Santa Monica and downtown Los Angeles.
- International Faire, sponsored by the freshman class and ASB.
- Asian Culture Night, sponsored by the Asian Pacific Affiliation and the Vietnamese Student Association.
- Amnesty International Week of Action and Awareness, sponsored by Amnesty International Student Organization and the African American Council of Women.
- Career panel dinner sponsored by the African American Council of Women and ASB in celebration of Black History Month.
- Sounds of Black Heritage, gospel performance sponsored by the African American Council of Women and the Multicultural Advisory Council.
- Career awareness panel dinner sponsored by the American Advertising Federation and the Accounting Association.

A Week in the Life of ACTER Actors

"We laughed, we dropped our lines, we learned; Shakespeare became infectious," says Dr. David Leese, professor of business administration and English, of a workshop in his Weekend College "Fiction to Film" class led by British actor Phillip Joseph.

During the week of March 25 to 30, five actors from the London Stage, hailing from the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Royal National Theater of Great Britain and the BBC Shakespeare Series, were in residency on both campuses teaching classes, conducting workshops, giving lectures, and performing a full-length play by Shakespeare.

Gareth Armstrong, top, as Macbeth, prepares to stab Banquo, played by **Phillip Joseph.**

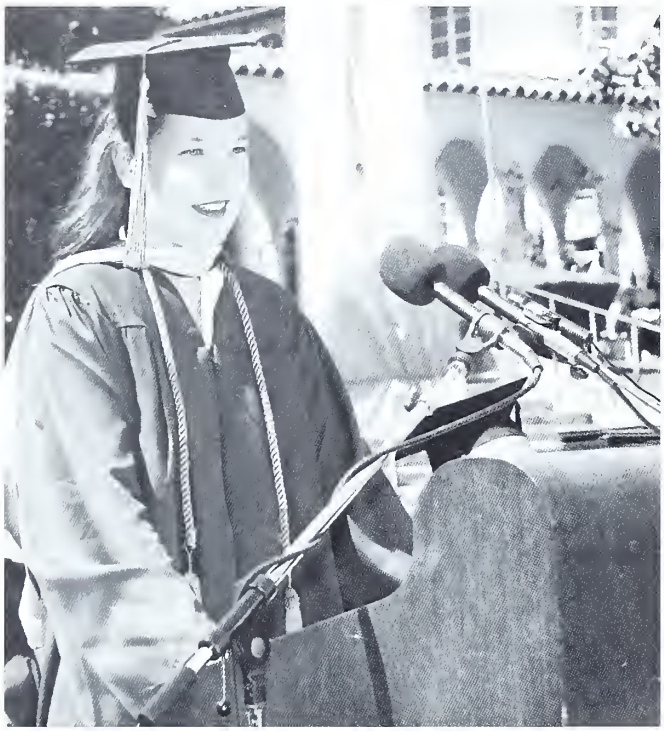
Sponsored by A Center for Theatre, Education and Research, an international research institute, educational center and theater company based in London and at the University of North Carolina, the actors brought Shakespeare alive as students read texts, enacted scenes and developed a deeper sense of appreciation for the writings of the Bard.

Two sold-out performances of "Macbeth" on the Chalon Campus were presented without elaborate costumes, props or scenery, with the actors playing several characters. The rest was left to the imagination of the viewers, who experienced theater in its purest form.

Sam Dale leads a Shakespearean workshop at Sieno Doy as students perform the chorus portion of the drama "Henry V."

"The Shakespearean actors brought something new into the lives of the people at the Mount," says senior Teresita V. Leonido. "The workshops they gave were informative and their performance of 'Macbeth' was truly exceptional."

Sam Dale, Joanna Foster, and **Sarah Berger** rehearse a scene from "Macbeth."



Maria Ximena Vargas Jaramillo gives the class tribute.

"Women's Work" Defined at Commencement 1996

Brilliant sunshine and sizzling heat saluted more than 500 graduates and a record crowd of 2,800 guests May 11 at the College's 67th annual Commencement on the Chalon Campus.

The ceremony began with Mary Lou Melanson Stack, vice chair of the College's Regents Council and mistress of ceremonies for the event, welcoming the gathering and associate in arts graduate Mary Ventilacion offering greetings on behalf of the class of '96.

Commencement speaker Dr. Blenda Wilson, president of California State University, Northridge, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, in recognition of her extraordinary dedication to American higher education, her achievements as a scholar, teacher and administrator, and her inspiring leadership as the first woman president of CSUN.

Sharing her views on women's roles in the future, Dr. Wilson offered some advice: "Civic

(Above) **Sister Kathleen Kelly** presents the Community Service Award to **Vicky Yamamoto** at Laurel Day, the hooding ceremony for associate degree graduates.

(Left) **Sister Karen Kennelly**, president, places an academic hood on **Jennifer Allande**, the recipient of the highest award granted on the Daheny Campus — the Estelle Daheny Award. This award is given to the associate of arts student who personifies the characteristics of Christian service, graciousness and concern, and who shows great potential for making a significant contribution in the future.

responsibility is a way of explaining how and why we must contribute to the common good; whether we are a native born American or a resident alien. Civic responsibility means engaging in direct acts of charity, or caring, or searching for the root causes of our society's meanest and most intractable problems. This is women's work."

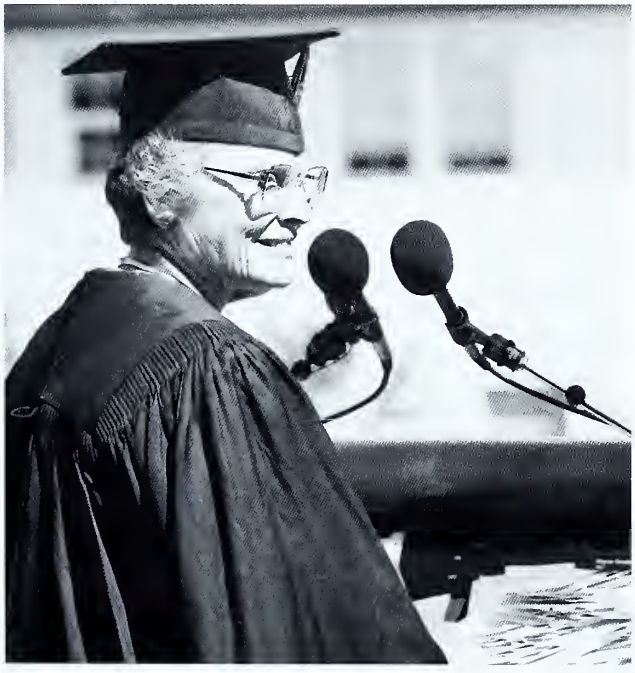
The class tribute was given by baccalaureate graduate Maria Ximena Vargas Jaramillo who urged her colleagues to preserve the ideals of justice, peace, and equal opportunity, especially in light of the California Civil Rights Initiative. "I challenge you to take risks to destroy this movement that is designed to dismantle what may have worked for so long in the cause of civil rights," she said. She encouraged graduates to contribute their talents and skills back to the community. "I think that attending to our social duty and attaining our goals are not incompatible but instead complementary. When we take into consideration our common roots as members of this same biological family, we can see our interdependence on each other and the need to nurture others, especially those less empowered than ourselves."

Mary Ventilacion, associate in arts graduate, gives greeting on behalf of the Class of 1996.

At the Laurel Day Ceremony, **Maria Ozaeta** looks back for a moment before looking ahead to her new future.

(Below left) **Mary Lou Melanson Stack**, vice chair of the Regent's Council and commencement mistress of ceremonies.

(Below right) Speaker **Blenda Wilson** (center) receives an honorary degree from Sister Koren Kennelly and Boord of Trustees Chair Sister Mary Kevin Ford.



All The Stage's a World on Siena Day

Colorful pastel ribbons shimmering with sunlight cascaded from atop a 40-foot maypole, the focal point on the Doheny Campus March 27 when the College celebrated Siena Day, its traditional spring convocation. It was a day to relish the glorious weather, to honor St. Catherine of Siena, a 14th century "activist," and to pay homage to Shakespeare and his times.

Doheny ASB students, adorned in costumes befitting the royal courts, welcomed the Mount Community to a Renaissance Faire on the north lawn, which was replete with Elizabethan cuisine, lyrical lute selections, fanfares by an authentic baroque trumpeter and renaissance dancing.

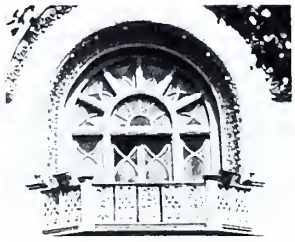
After the traditional friendship closing circle, the Mount's own flower girls and jesters led the gathering to the Lecture Hall where they were welcomed by Sister Joseph Adele Edwards, Siena Day co-chair, and Sister Karen Kennelly, president.

Many of the attendees, intending to sit back, relax and enjoy the presentation "From Page to Stage — The Actor's Way, A Unique Approach to Shakespeare," soon discovered they were the players in a production! More than 30 students were invited to the stage to read and enact a chorus portion from "Henry V." Within minutes, the actors and students transformed the auditorium with the sights and sounds of English and French army camps just before the play's pivotal battle scene.

"Siena Day gave me a new perspective toward the literary works of Shakespeare," says Doheny freshman Maria Irene Santiago. "Since I have studied world literature, I really enjoyed experiencing the renaissance celebration."

Staff Make the Grade

Coordinotor of ocodemic advisement, **Susan Fread** (left), ond residence life director, **Alex Sosa**, strike a pose ofter receiving their master's degrees.



(Top) **Kawana Martin, Lisa Kim** ond **Lovella Carrido** creote renoissonce hots in preparation for Sieno Day.

(Bottom) **Ana Verdin** ond **Gabby Rodriguez** get same renoissonce donce tips from **Rosalind de Mille**, who led students in severol troditianol donces ond exploined the histary behind the movements.

Athenian Day '96

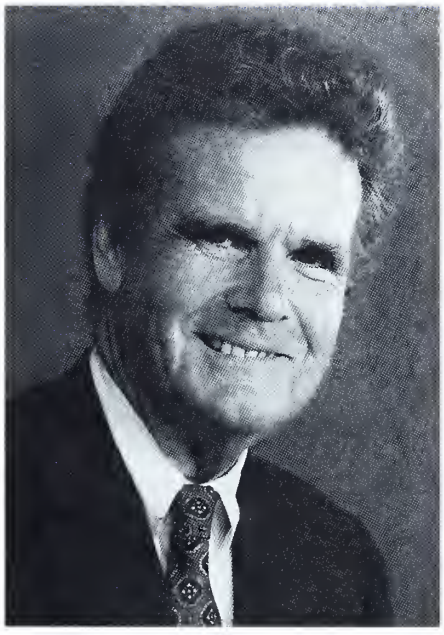
Mount students serve as referees at Athenian Day '96, a day of competition honoring Greek goddess Athena, mascot of the college, (L to R): **Rosalinda Nava, Helen Nationales, Mayra Perez** and **Sandra Hernandez.**

Trustee McCarthy Dies

J. Thomas McCarthy, a Mount St. Mary's College Trustee and former member of the Regent's Council, died Feb. 7 after a long illness.

Mr. McCarthy dedicated many years as a friend and benefactor to Mount St. Mary's, as well as other institutions of higher education, hospitals, medical research efforts and religious organizations throughout his lifetime.

"We were privileged to have Tom's energy, know-how and vision direct Mount St. Mary's toward the fulfillment of the College's mission," says Sr. Karen Kennelly, president. "He grasped the words of the mission statement and carefully examined each issue and policy through that lens."



J. Thomas McCarthy (photo: Elson-Alexandre)

> "We were privileged to have Tom's energy, know-how and vision. . ."

As a Los Angeles area attorney, he was generous with legal advice for the College, and despite his numerous responsibilities outside of the College, he was "steady, consistent, genuinely concerned and always there when the College needed him," the late Sister Magdalen Coughlin said of Mr. McCarthy.

On March 21, the Board of Trustees presented a certificate to his wife Kathleen to show its appreciation to his family for the lasting impact Mr. McCarthy made on the College. The McCarthys, always generous to the College, contributed the lead gift of $5 million to the library project.

A Salute to Jubilarians

The Mount commends the following for their significant contributions to the college as they celebrate Jubilee years as Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet:

70 Years

Sister Celine Coe asked that her inheritance be used to build the library; it was named after her father, Charles Willard Coe.

Sister Mary Rosaleen Lynch was a religious superior and served on the Board of Trustees for a number of years.

Sister Patricia Clare Mullin was academic dean and taught in the graduate school.

60 Years

Sister Patricia Margaret Barnard has taught and worked in the Learning Resource Center at Chalon and Doheny the last nine years.

Sister Marie Loyola Sanders was dean of the Doheny Campus for three years and helped in the development of the business and English departments. She now volunteers in the Learning Center at Doheny.

Sister Mary Gerald Leahy taught in the science department for many years.

50 Years

Sister Miriam Joseph Larkin taught in and was chair of the music department for many years. She developed Gregorian Chant workshops at the college.

Sister Cecilia Louise Moore was president of the college, served on the Board of Trustees and is now on the Provincial Council.

Sister Regina Clare Salazar was head of the graduate school and taught education classes for many years. She was the first religious superior of the sisters at the Doheny Campus. Currently, she is Corporate Vice President for Sponsorship and Mission at Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital.

Be an MVP

The Mount Volunteer Program gives alumnae the opportunity to share undergraduate memories with students interested in the Mount. Volunteers assist the admissions office with recruitment efforts by writing congratulatory letters to admitted students from their community, representing the Mount at high school college fairs or assisting at various events for prospective students.

The amount of time to commit to the program is flexible and all volunteer efforts are appreciated. For more information, call Trisha Farber in admissions, (800) 999-9893, ext. 546.

Travel Calls Horst From the Mount

Margaret and Dick Horst at a Maunt Assaciates event in 1990.

After 17 years as Director of Alumnae Relations at Mount St. Mary's College, Margaret Horst left the College at the end of June to move on to new adventures and plenty of travel.

A 1958 graduate of the Mount, Horst earned her bachelor's degree in history, taught secondary school for several years, and raised a family of five boys and one girl, before turning her volunteer work on the MSMC Alumnae Board into a part-time and then full-time job.

She created the department as it stands today with active area chapters, expanded programming, alumnae merchandise, an MSMC credit card and increased volunteer opportunities for alums.

She has traveled throughout Europe and the Middle East, but has a few continents yet to conquer.

She describes her years at the Mount as "thoroughly enjoyable, from the endearing tutelage of Sisters Rose de Lima and Rose Bernard to the exciting opportunity of working with so many creative, fun and dedicated alums."

MSMC President Sister Karen Kennelly and Dr. Alberta C. del Calvo, president of the Cubon American Teochers Association, at the unveiling ceremany far a sculpture af Cuban patriat Jasé Julian Morti on the Daheny campus. The bronze bust is a gift af appreciatian fram the Patranatas de Jasé Marti ond the educatars far the MSMC Cuban Teacher Troining Institute, which resettled more thon 200 Cuban refugees as native-speaking teachers in Las Angeles area schaals in the '60s and early '70s.

Norm Schwob ond his ortwork 'Book ond Bird.'

The Art of Survival

"The works selected all deal with memories. In a specific way, they recall as a distant whisper the voices of those who have passed through my life," says former art department chair Norm Schwab about his works in "Memento Mori." Originally scheduled for exhibition in the College's José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery from January to February, the display was extended until April due to its overwhelming success.

Spanning 1990 to 1995, the assemblage of paintings in "Memento Mori" are personal memorials about death. Touched early in life by the loss of close family members, Schwab's art is an act of private rumination of what it means to be left behind. "It has been said that art has one purpose: to help us live," Schwab says. "Each day I realize the truth of this statement. Whether comforting or confrontational, the process, and ultimately the work, reaffirms the value of life."

Wanted: Caps and Gowns

If you have academic regalia just taking up space in your closet and you don't plan to march in any ceremonies in the near future, consider donating your cap and gown to Mount St. Mary's.

The College's collection of academic garb used by faculty and dignitaries at Commencement and other official occasions could use an infusion of new gowns, caps and hoods.

To arrange to donate your academic finery, call Sister Mary Evelyn Flynn, (310) 440-3294.

Campaign Update

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TIMELESS VALUES
FOR
CHANGING TIMES

The Campaign for
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As Campaign Chair, it is my pleasure to report that the first fiscal year of the public phase of the Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College, Timeless Values for Changing Times, has been a rousing success. Let me review some of the highlights.

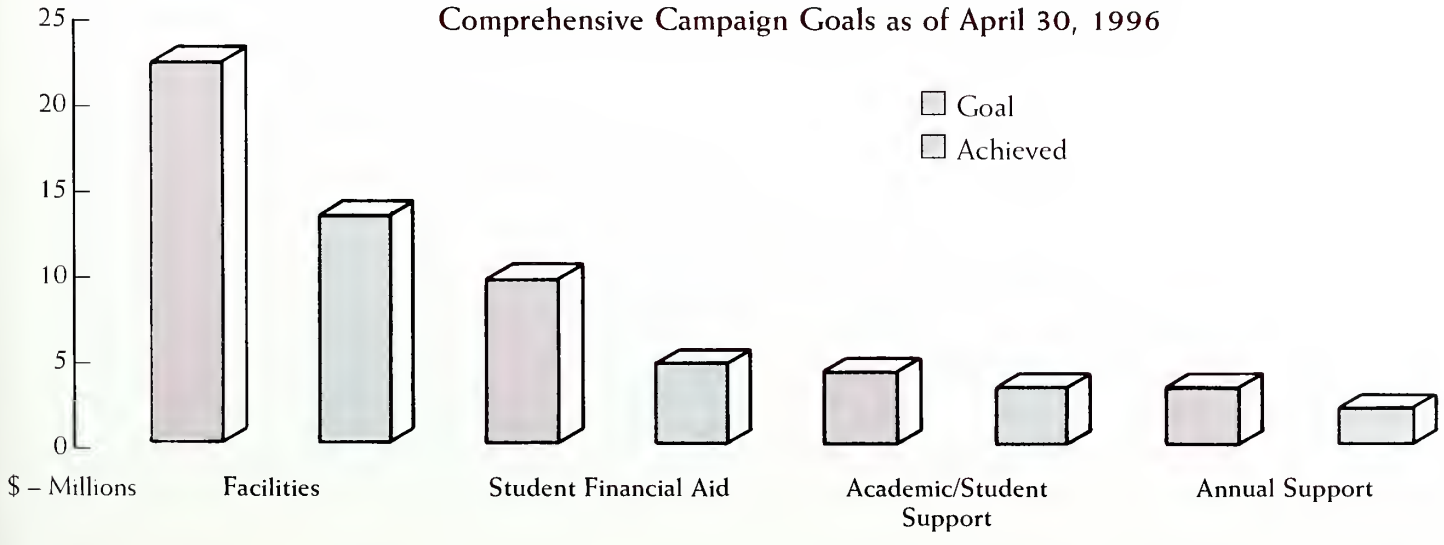
Late in the spring of 1995 the Trustees approved a comprehensive Campaign goal of $40 million. By the end of the fiscal year leadership for this Campaign was developed. In addition to my appointment, Mark Foster became Chair of the Regents, Bertrum CeDillos became Chair of Corporate and Foundation fundraising, and Jane Luecke Johnson, recently named alumnae trustee, became Chair for Annual Giving. We announced our campaign October 2, at the largest Founder's Day in our history with almost 300 people in attendance.

The Regents Council kicked-off its portion of the campaign with the 70th Anniversary Auction, "Timeless Treasures," and raised more than $120,000. Alumnae events were held in seven regions. But the most exciting development this year is the receipt of the first endowed professorship in English from the Fletcher Jones Foundation for $1.5 million.

As a result of these and many more activities, we are going to exceed this year's goal of $4,865,000 and we already have raised $23,400,000 of our $40 million goal!

Needless to say, we are very happy with this year's outcome, but do not wish to lose sight of our remaining goal. Please consider how you might participate in making our first comprehensive Campaign a success. The Campaign will conclude in December 1999 and your gift to the Mount will help us to be readied for a new millennium.

Roger Hughes



CAMPAIGN GOALS

- FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT $22,100,000
- FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES $9,500,000
- ACADEMIC PROGRAM RENEWAL $4,200,000
- ANNUAL FUND GROWTH $4,200,000

SPOTLIGHTED GOAL:

Facilities Improvement $22,100,000

At the center of the Campaign is the complete renovation of the Charles Willard Coe Memorial Library at Chalon, and improvements in the two-campus library system. Funds already raised have enabled us to implement an on-line catalog, and link our libraries with other university collections, databases and the Internet.

The Doheny building projects include a new library facility, and an academic building that will centralize the health care-related programs on that campus. All are designed to be architecturally in harmony with the Victorian ambiance of Chester Place.

The academic building will provide for expanded use of technology in the training of students in nursing, physical and occupational therapy, and other health care related fields. The Mount has demonstrated particular success in producing outstanding graduates in these disciplines.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMPAIGN

Cash, gifts of property, bequests and deferred gifts are all welcomed avenues through which Mount supporters can participate in the Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College.

The Mount St. Mary's Office of Planned Giving has complete information and personalized illustrations for all types of deferred gifts.

Your gift to Mount St. Mary's can be made in any combination of the ways outlined here. Donors also have the choice of making restricted or unrestricted gifts. Unrestricted gifts are used at the College's discretion to meet its most urgent funding need. Restricted gifts are designated by the donor to fund a specific project or program.

The Mount St. Mary's College Institutional Advancement Office can provide donors with additional information on ways to give, as well as the College's various funding needs.

For further information on how you can participate in the Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College, contact the Campaign Office at (310) 471-9510.

Theresa Davis, Mount St. Mary's College director of annual giving; Sister Karen Kennelly, president; Mary Lou Melanson Stack, college regent and auction chair; and Claudia and Mark Foster, college regents. Mark Foster was the auction dinner chair.

AUCTION MEETS GOAL

It was a time to celebrate 70 years of excellence in higher education, renew old acquaintances and get a great deal on antiques. It was the Mount St. Mary's College "Timeless Treasures" fund-raising auction May 18 at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles and thanks to the generosity of Mount friends, it raised more than $120,000.

CURRENT PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL

Category	Goal	Cash/Pledges as of April 1996	Balance Needed
Facilities	$22,100,000	$13,519,709	$8,580,291
Financial Aid Resources	$9,500,000	$4,548,964	$4,951,036
Academic Program Renewal	$4,200,000	$3,186,411	$1,013,589
Annual Fund Growth	$4,200,000	$2,120,811	$2,079,189
Totals	**$40,000,000**	**$23,375,895**	**$16,624,105**

About 200 people attended the black-tie gala dinner, silent and live auction which was MC'd by John P. Sullivan, College trustee and president of Keystone Mortgage in Los Angeles. There were 27 live auction items including numerous antiques from the Edward L. and Carrie Estelle Doheny estate and 69 silent auction items.

"Yosemite," a painting by Harry Casie Best, brought in the biggest donation at $8,500. It was purchased on behalf of Best's daughter, Virginia Best Adams, of Monterey, the widow of Ansel Adams, to return it to the family.

A Hawaiian vacation, donated by philanthropist William Hannon and raffled off, was won by Sister Edward Mary Zerwekh, the director of plant operations at the Doheny Campus.

The event, hosted by the Regents Council, was the first major fundraising event since the October 1995 announcement of the comprehensive Campaign. The college last hosted an auction of this magnitude in 1986.

The auction chair was Mary Lou Melanson Stack, regent and philanthropic leader in Los Angeles, and the dinner chair was Mark Foster, a regent, Campaign co-chair and senior vice president with Seidler Companies. Also in attendance were Roger K. Hughes, a regent, trustee, Campaign chair and chairman of the board of Hughes Markets; Monica Spillane Leuchtefeld, a regent, Campaign co-chair and vice president of Office Depot; and Jane Luecke Johnson, a regent, trustee, Campaign co-chair and attorney.

FLETCHER JONES GIFT FUNDS ENGLISH PROFESSORSHIP

The Fletcher Jones Foundation has awarded $1.5 million to Mount St. Mary's College to establish a professorship in English with an emphasis on writing. The Fletcher Jones Professorship in English will enable the department to strengthen the writing curriculum, and stimulate intellectual discourse within the department and throughout the campus.

English department chair Sister Mary Williams says, "We are very delighted about the professorship. This will allow us to continue and enhance our tradition of excellence in writing at the college."

The unprecedented gift will provide undergraduates of all majors with the opportunity to study with a recognized leader in the field whose energy, love of fine literature and commitment to the truth models the personal qualities Mount St. Mary's seeks to develop in its students.

The Fletcher Jones Foundation was established in 1969 to provide financial support to worthy organizations. Its previous gifts to the College include funding for major technological upgrades for the administrative computer system and for the library and learning center project, as well as funding for student scholarships.

INTEGRATION OF TECHNOLOGY INTO TEACHING POSSIBLE THANKS TO GRANTS

Mount St. Mary's faculty soon will be well-equipped to integrate technology into their courses thanks to generous funding from the Teagle and GTE foundations.

The Teagle Foundation has given a $62,250 grant to the College to help faculty integrate technology into the curriculum. In addition to training by on-campus consultants, and visits to regional and national conferences, faculty will benefit from released time to redesign courses for a technologically supported pilot project in writing.

A $60,000 grant from the GTE Foundation will provide faculty with the technological resources needed to make the integration possible. Math, science and psychology department faculty will receive personal computers, software and related training with which to explore the uses of technology to enhance their teaching.

Students use computers at Coe Library.

PARSONS FOUNDATION DONATES $100,000

The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation has awarded Mount St. Mary's College a grant of $100,000 to update the technology and networking capabilities of its library and learning center.

The College recently renovated and upgraded the Charles Willard Coe Memorial Library on the Chalon Campus in Brentwood and plans to build a Learning Resource Center on its Doheny Campus in Downtown Los Angeles. The center

will include a library, multi-media lab, seminar rooms, student services offices and bookstore.

The grant will help fund the technology upgrades of the Coe Library and a computer link between the two library collections when the Learning Resource Center is built.

Students on Doheny Campus.

HEARST FOUNDATION GIVES $50,000

The Hearst Foundation has awarded $50,000 to Mount St. Mary's College to augment the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship which now totals more than $150,000.

WHITECAP FOUNDATION DONATES $44,630

The Whitecap Foundation has awarded Mount St. Mary's $44,630 in support of the Student Ambassadors and Busing programs.

The Student Ambassadors Program is designed to help inner-city high school students aspire to attend college and acquire the skills necessary for academic success. Trained MSMC students go to their own or other inner-city high schools and assist counselors by speaking to students about college: how to select a college, how to prepare and how to apply.

The Busing Program complements the Ambassadors Program in that it brings high school students to Mount St. Mary's to hear a panel of college students discuss college life and to take campus tours. In 1995-96, 33 schools participated in the program.

The Whitecap Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that focus on children and families, education and wildlife conservation. Foundation funds support "safety net" programs that plug holes where the public sector has failed or has not yet found effective ways to address specific needs. These funds are not meant to replace government responsibility for social services, public education or environmental protection. Whitecap is interested in projects that encourage and support a positive educational experience for children and teens who are at risk of school failure, particularly in the public school system.

MCDONNELL DOUGLAS DONATES $30,400

The McDonnell Douglas Employees Community Fund donated $15,200 to Mount St. Mary's College and that gift was matched by the McDonnell Douglas Foundation for a total gift to the college of $30,400.

The combined gifts are for the Strides Toward Educational Proficiency Program at Mount St. Mary's College in which high school students come onto the College's Doheny Campus and take basic skills classes and pre-college workshops, and receive mentoring at their schools from Mount St. Mary's students. The program is designed to motivate and prepare disadvantaged inner-city high school students for success in college.

The St. Louis, Mo., based McDonnell Douglas Foundation is dedicated to helping higher education and community efforts. It supports aerospace and aviation organizations, engineering, the environment, and public, civic and cultural affairs.

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To participate in the Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College, contact the Campaign Office at (310) 471-9510.

New Trustees Appointed

Three new members have been appointed to the MSMC Board of Trustees. They will take their places on the board at the first meeting of the 1996-97 academic year Oct. 3.

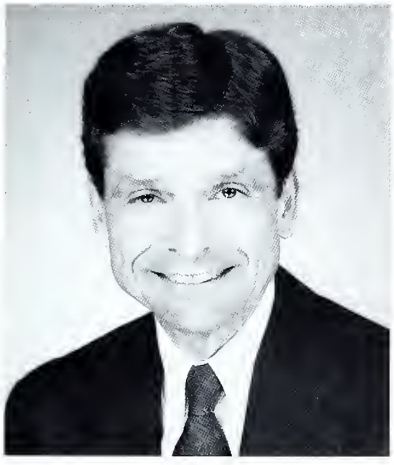
Louis Castruccio

Completing the board term of the late Thomas McCarthy, Castruccio is a partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Irell & Manella. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Santa Clara University, a bachelor's in law from USC and a master's in law from Harvard.

He is a member of the State Bar of California, the L.A. County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He has served as chair of the Business and Corporations Law Section of the L.A County Bar Association and as co-chair of various American Bar Association committees. He has authored or co-authored numerous articles regarding developments in tax law, federal securities law and other legal areas.

He is a Santa Clara University trustee and chair of its $125 million capital campaign. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities.

In addition, he is a member of numerous boards of directors, including the Leavey Foundation, and an officer in various corporations and other businesses.



Louis Castruccio

Sister Mary Frances Johnson CSJ

Sister Mary Frances of St. Louis, Mo., is the treasurer of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province.

She earned an MBA from the Rockhurst College School of Management in Kansas City, Mo., a Ph.D. from St. Louis University and a master's and bachelor's from Marquette University.

Her diverse work experience includes service as a lecturer in chemistry at Longview Community College in Lee's Summit, Mo.; assistant to the president and visiting associate professor at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn.; and associate and assistant professor, chair of the Faculty General Assembly and chair of the chemistry department at Fontbonne College in St. Louis.

She is on the board of directors at the St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis and has served on numerous other boards in recent years. She also has published several articles on inorganic chemistry.

Sister Mary Frances Johnson, CSJ

Sister Imelda D'Agostino, CSJ

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Sister Imelda, an alumnus of Mount St. Mary's College and a faculty member in the education department from 1980 to 1994, is the coordinator of the Holy Child Association at the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

She earned a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from USC, a master's in educational psychology from Cal State Northridge and a bachelor's in English from MSMC.

She has 17 years of experience in Catholic elementary schools, including two years in administration.

She is a member of numerous professional organizations and served on several boards such as the Columban Fathers Companions in Mission, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the California Association for the Education of Young Children, the MSMC Center for Cultural Fluency Advisory Council and the Employee Advisory Council for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

She has made numerous presentations on early childhood education.

Alumna Representative Named to Board of Trustees

Jane Luecke Johnson '64 has been appointed as the first alumna representative on the Board of Trustees, the key governing body of the college. Johnson, a member of the Regents Council since 1985 and a member of MSMC's Trustee Committee on Student Life since 1987, is an attorney with the firm of Johnson & Johnson Professional Law Corporation in West Los Angeles. She served as Alumnae Fund Drive director in 1971-72 and was president of the Alumnae Association from 1973-75.

She is currently a member of the Advisory Committee for Planned Giving as well as the Committee of Attorneys for Planned Giving. She is active in the Los Angeles County Bar Association and has served as chair of the Litigation Section. Her other legal activities include serving as a Judge Pro Tem in the municipal and small claims courts and as a settlement officer and mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Jane Luecke Johnson '64

Meeting at the Scholarship Luncheon in March are **Claudia Ruiz '87**, president of the Alumnae Association (center) with sophomore liberal studies major **Cristina LoVetere**, (l) and junior art major **Kristin Vanderlip** (r), recipients of Alumnae scholarships. The annual event allows funders to become better acquainted with the students they are helping and lets the College show its appreciation to donors.

Farewell

Mount professors Dr. Ron Oard and Father Matthew Delaney retired this spring, culminating teaching careers which, combined, spanned more than half a century.

For 36 years, Oard shared his knowledge, wisdom and guidance, and to many was more than a colleague or a professor, but also a friend. This was evident on April 12 when his family and guests filled the José Drudis-Biada Gallery for a farewell dinner in his honor. Dr. Jacqueline Doud, academic vice president and dean of the faculty, captured the feelings of the crowd with a poem she wrote and recited about Oard:

Mind, steeped in logic, wit
Teacher for all, steady, loyal
Gifts given mark the Mount forever

Father Matthew Delaney

Dr. Ron Oard

Oard served the Mount as professor of political science and history. His students describe him as a dedicated teacher who prepared and encouraged them to practice the art of logic and rhetoric in their prose — both academically and personally. "He will be missed, mostly because he was well respected by students, faculty and administration members," says Dr. James Delahanty, chair of the history/political science department.

Delaney served as academic dean of the faculty for 17 years and professor of mathematics for the past two years He too, will be remembered for his dedicated service and insight. "He is a modern-day renaissance man, knowledgeable of so many topics. I will miss his stimulating conversation," says Jeanne Ruiz '63, alumnae relations assistant.

Respecting his request for no celebrations of his retirement, the College has instead established the Father Matthew Delaney Endowed Scholarship in his honor, which will support the high ideals of academic excellence he always exemplified. Although he leaves the Mount, his spirit will live on in future students who will be assisted through the scholarship, which now stands at $10,000.

Contributions to the scholarship fund may be sent to Sue Ott at Institutional Advancement, Chalon Campus, 12001 Chalon Rd., Los Angeles, CA, 90049-1599. All gifts are tax deductible and will be used exclusively for this endowment.

'Second Thoughts' a First for Critical Thinking

"The ability to think critically and articulate ideas gives meaning to our lives and gives us a tool to change the world," says Wanda Teays, chair of the philosophy department. But finding textbooks that would offer multicultural perspectives to critical thinking was a challenge for Teays. Since she had been teaching the subject for close to 20 years, she had a lot of ideas about what sort of book she'd like to see and decided to write her own textbook.

In December 1995, after two years of writing and polishing, "Second Thoughts: Critical Thinking from a Multicultural Perspective" was published by Mayfield Publishing Company. The book is now in use in a number of colleges and universities across the country, including various California State Universities. The text includes essays written by MSMC students and a number of college professors have told Teays how impressed they were by the quality and the creativity of her students' work.

Teays believes that moral reasoning is inherently necessary to become a critical thinker. As a result, she includes articles and exercises that look at issues of justice and injustice. One of her goals in writing this book was to help students not only learn to dismantle statements, but also to construct strong arguments that they are able to defend. "I wrote this book," she says, "not just to be used in the classroom, but to be accessible enough for people to work through the chapters on their own. I tried to make it interesting so students would have fun learning."

Teays enjoyed writing so much that she is now working on a companion volume which will address critical thinking and the media.

Classics

It wos so much fun the first time, they did it again 50 years later. Celebrating the 50th anniversary af their graduotion from the Mount, the Golden Graduates porticipoted in the May 11 Commencement ceremonies on the Chalon Campus. (First row) **Mary Catherine Stehly Schaner, Patricia O'Neill Fiedler, Marion Hills Farrell, Genevieve Escallier Baillif, Garland O'Rourke Parten,** (second row) **Jeanelle McDonald Stehly, Kathleen O'Hanlon Truxaw, Joan Cunningham, Gertrude Cramer Stimson, Patricia Wright Alonso** (third row) **Mary Irene Vujovich Ohlfs, Betty Fluor Taylor, Mary Needels Block, Margaret Thalken, Virginia Brown Marovich, Edalyn Ewell Pfost,** (back row) **Mercedes Mahoney Doherty, Marta Terrazas De Riveroll, Marilyn Menne Hansen and Vivian Primising Ahle.**

'36 **Maria Geier** joined the Trojan Travelers on a voyage to the Mayan ruins of Mexico, Belize, Honduras and Guatamala in January.

'37 **Bernice Carls Lieb** has welcomed her 25th grandchild. She also toured England and Ireland, meeting her son and grandson in England.

'41 **Mary Pat Burns Cakos** traveled to the Caribbean, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

'43 **Winifred Gatz Sobieck** and her husband were surprised by their daughter with a beautiful 50th wedding anniversary party at Descanso Gardens.

'46 **Gertrude Cramer Stimson** pays tribute to the Mount and its teachers for the contribution made by her education to her personal and professional life, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of her Mount graduation.

'47 **Winnie Gegg** enjoys retirement, and recently returned from a pilgrimage to Greece "in the footsteps of St. Paul."

Martha Holt Watson also enjoys every moment of retirement, including her volunteer work, knitting and gardening.

'48 **Maribeth Harvey Lillywhite** and her husband enjoyed a trip to Iwo Jima for the 50th Anniversary Reunion of Honor last March. Her husband was with the Marines in the first assault wave, and she says that it was a very emotional tour.

'49 **Marillyn Wetzel Pestolesi** has moved to the high desert because of the sunshine and friendly people.

Madeline Pettrow Byrd has been honored by the Diocese of Orange for her years of volunteer service; she also proudly wore her 52-year old Marine uniform at a Memorial Day Service, and is recuperating well from a total hip revision.

'50 **Elizabeth Bumb Noeltner** enjoyed renewing old friendships at the reunion for the Class of 1950.

'51 **Barbara Terpening McGourty** recently toured Portugal and Spain, including the Marian Shrine at Fatima.

Rosemary Schuler Dvorak also enjoyed a European holiday in France including a barge cruise through the Loire countryside.

Genevieve Weeger Smurda, a third-time grandmother, celebrated her son's wedding in New York.

'52 **Juanita Cusack Quinn** traveled to New Zealand last year. She is still working and enjoying her grandchildren.

'54 **Barbara Dobrott Stapleford** still enjoys her private practice as a psychotherapist and is a consultant to a state program for disabled children.

Anne Park Kraemer and her husband made a pilgrimage to Italy with Trinity College, and enjoyed a visit with Sister Marilyn Rudy, CSJ.

'55 **Phyllis Kiney Hall** and her husband are both retired, and recently welcomed their first grandchild.

'56 **Sally Heenan Bernard** continues teaching CCD and doing inner-city tutoring while also taking time to do some fishing in Honduras.

'57 Theresa Binckley Byrne moved to Crestline after several years in San Luis Obispo.

Sally Brunsman Simoneau welcomed a visit from Gloria Maraccini Di Censo '57 last year.

Annette Orland Shannon-Batinovich, the 1994 recipient of the MSMC Outstanding Alumna Award for Community Service, has received the Papal Honor of "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" for Outstanding Service to Parish and Archdiocese.

'58 Sharon Fay Koch earned a master's degree in theological studies and was certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains as a chaplain.

Barbara Studer Collins worked for three years to create a Baltimore Album Quilt, which was accepted into a national quilt show in Kentucky and took "Best of Show" in the local Guild Quilt Show.

Sister Margaret Anne Vonderahe recently received certification as a chaplain from the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, and is on the steering committee of the Tucson Chaplains Association.

'59 Gloria Travaglini Chess and her husband spent New Year's in Costa Rica and plan to spend their wedding anniversary in Hong Kong.

Ann Riordan Westphal and her husband moved to Tucson when he retired after 34 years with Rockwell International.

'60 Patricia Reap Dern continues to teach seriously emotionally disturbed teenagers at the L.A. Child Guidance Clinic.

Joann Hartman Sheerin traveled to Chile to visit her son, and also traveled to Mexico for the Day of the Dead celebration.

Donna May Avery has just returned from a trip to Egypt, where she visited Mount Sinai and the Chapel of the Burning Bush.

Helen Hudson Powers graduated with honors with a master's degree in Counseling in May from California State University, Northridge.

On Alumnae Baard Phanathan Night in Feburary you might have received a call fram (standing) **Susette Aguilar,** saphamare; **Margaret Horst '58**, alumnae relatians directar; **Tasha Owens,** senior; **Ana Intharathut,** saphamare; **Mary Frances McKenna '44**, alumnae baard trustee; or (seated) **Linda Carlson Baker '81**, the fundraising committee chair.

'61 Annette Shamey is the new chair of the Board of Trustees for the Santa Monica Community College District.

Liz Swiertz Newman is a freelance editor and is writing a book.

Bernadette Szczech Kurzawski received her second master's degree in religious education, from Loyola of New Orleans.

'63 Barbara Palumbo Farhart is a storyteller with a group called "Four Stories High." The group is engaged for occasions such as "First Night," weddings and community affairs.

Anne Marie Rieger Boenisch will soon be a first-time grandmother.

'64 Cecelia Schmahl Stratford visited Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona on a flying/camping vacation in her Piper

The April 13 Alumnae Fashian Shaw walked alums thraugh the histary af the Mount via the fashians fram the Callege's faunding in 1925 ta the present day. A few fashianable alums in their awn rights are (seated) **Maureen Curran Sesky '63, Kathleen Herman Nally '63, Nance Slattery '63, Patricia Thompson Sando '63, Barbara Dummel Brunner '63,** (standing) **Lois Terry Herndon '63, Carolyn Dennis Horeczko '63, Barbara Buckman '63, Janyth Fox Pirkl '62** and **Marie Treacy '62.**

Cherokee. She also volunteers with the San Fernando Valley 99s (women pilots) and with the Confederate Air Force restoring World War II airplanes.

'66 **Sandra Pawlowski Comouche** visited Cancun and New England last year. She is in her seventh year of teaching chemistry at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks.

Gloria Dougherty has her own garden design business, and she and her husband have just restored and remodeled an 1880 cottage in Lake Bluff, Ill.

Lynn A. Taylor spent a month last year touring China and Hong Kong.

Susan Schanz Rausch has served for three years on the building committee for her church, which broke ground for its own building after 10 years of planning.

Rose Renter Wilson now works full-time for Rubicon Program, Inc., a non-profit sheltered workshop.

Toni Propotnik owns a home health agency with four other RNs, serving Alameda and Contra Costa counties in Northern California.

'67 **Suzie Taylor Cooper** and family traveled to Europe for a month last summer.

Rose Marie Whaley Tashima has retired from Kaiser Hospital after 22 years as a nurse anesthetist.

Jane Sprigg Jeffries is a school nurse in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Carol Dvoran Lancaster will play her second solo recital at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza this fall, and continues to teach private piano and adjudicate for student piano festivals.

'69 **Janet Wolff Maulhardt** and her husband took a two-week cruise and land tour of Alaska last year; Janet hopes to visit **Nancy Chase Kallenberger '69** in Washington this year.

Palma Nitti Holland works full-time as an account executive with radio station STAR 100.7 in San Diego and helps her husband with his growing construction business.

Mary Beth Stonestreet Kitchens is a nurse administrator with the Home Health Department of Kaiser, volunteers at school directing the annual fund drive, and is on the Board of Directors of the Napa Valley AIDS Project.

'71 **Diane Morgan West** and her husband have been traveling around the country in their motorhome since September 1994 and plan to continue traveling into 1997.

Ramona Vance Haywood teaches high school English and has spoken on television as a breast cancer survivor.

'73 **Donna Veilleux Koeppel** was promoted last year to associate vice president of human resources at the University of Colorado Hospital. She has been implementing new benefit, compensation, reward, incentive and retirement programs.

'74 **Elaine Kreiner Berman** is a college counselor at the L.A. Center for Enriched Studies.

Kristine Klumph Bounds is a nurse manager at the Encino Tarzana Medical Center Emergency Department.

'75 **Alice Gardello** wrote a poem, "Winter," which was published in the National Library of Poetry Anthology and received the Editor's Choice Award.

Bette Payson Worth successfully chaired a $27.9 million school bond, is a soccer coach and parent coordinator at the local junior and senior high schools.

Sharon Criss Watson and her family are living in Sicily for at least two years, and she would love to hear from classmates.

'80 **Miwa Kojima Izumi** has been promoted to director of international tax service at the Orange County office of Price Waterhouse.

'81 **Corinne Ising Dodge** is having a wonderful time selling her own paintings.

Ben Peirce is the regional manager of Olsten Kimberly Quality Care's Wound Care Program in Florida.

'82 **Susan Haselton Haas** lived for two months in Romania and adopted a 2-year-old daughter.

Christine Berrington Amann now runs her own business as an independent contractor for Melaleuca, Inc., and helps her husband in his wholesale egg business — they plan to retire by 40.

'83 **Jory Malis** is a wound care specialist at Integrated Home Health Care in Palm Beach County, Fla.

Karen Reavis works for Kaiser managing the medical and oncology nursing units.

Mary Lorenz Sand is a home health nurse.

Attending a spring luncheon in Denver with **Sister Karen Kennelly**, president, and **Margaret Horst**, director of the alumnae office, are: kneeling — **Beverly Halpin Carrigan '52**. Seated — **Heidi Hurskainen Robertson '94, Sister Karen, Eileen Micklish Hempfling '52, Susanne Dunham Pelzel '67, Donna Veilleux Koeppel '73, Martha Jesseman Long '69, Claire Jones Martin '55** and **Evelyn Fricke Rubio '74**. Not pictured: **Judith Roughton Weber '60.**

'84 **Debbie Varton Jones** is the Mothers of Preschoolers publicity coordinator at her church.

Elizabeth Saly Sullivan works at the City of Hope National Medical Center as the bone marrow transplant nurse practioner.

Mary-Theresa Perez just celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary.

Ann Holverson Chance teaches fifth grade in the Hawthorne School District.

'86 **Abbylynn Bagos-Hood** continues at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento as P.T. coordinator.

Speakers at a recent career panel discussion sponsored by Mount Alumnae Sharing Talent, Experience and Resources, included (front row) **Nerina Tribble '89** and **Josie Salazar Romero '93,** (back row) **Diana Gleason '90, Sara Hebert '91, Jeanette Traub Holt '92** and **Leslie Cunningham '90.**

Michelle Thoemmes Cooper is supervising on a new cardiopulmonary unit.

'87 **Cindy Hains** is now working at UCLA Medical Center as an RN after five years in Africa working in a medical mission mobile clinic in Malawi.

Catherine Dumlao Mortl works at an outpatient center and enjoys camping with her family in their new motorhome.

'88 **Karen Fischer Yohannes** and her husband give thanks to the Lord for her successful recovery from thyroid cancer.

Valerie Johns-Crane has opened The Center for Art and Healing in Hermosa Beach, and teaches at Antioch University.

'89 **Julie Schapker Bergmann** has been appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson to the Physical Therapy Examining Committee.

Joanne Bartolotti teaches at Our Lady of Visitation in San Francisco and hopes to enter a master's program at USF in the fall.

'90 **Mary Dorgan** telecommutes from her home in Tucson, Ariz., to her job in Los Angeles.

'92 **Trudi Morgan Saltamachio** teaches English at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace High School in San Diego, and coaches JV girls' soccer.

'93 **Paolina Schiro** received the "Sallie Mae First Year Teacher of the Year" award for the Norwalk-La Mirada School District.

'94 **Jocelyn DiPalma** is working on a screenplay about a true-life story while writing and producing at USA Network.

Karyn Louise Lange is in the MPT program at the Mount.

'95 **Ngu-Mui Lu** is working as a counselor/teacher with schizophrenic and depression residents of the Downey Community Health Center.

Melanie Caiazza is a BUNAC student in Canterbury, England, and does part-time volunteer work at the Canterbury Cathedral Archives. BUNAC is an organization that issues visas.

Christy Creamer is currently in the master's in social work program at USC, with an internship at the West L.A. V.A. Medical Center.

Vital Statistics

2nd Generation Alums

Congratulations to 1996 Scions of Mount Alumnae:

Ardis De Freece, BA, daughter of Joan Wright De Freece, BS, '70
Francesca De La Rosa, BA, daughter of Michelle Lundborg De La Rosa, BA, '66
Victoria Mulhall, BA, daughter of Kathleen O'Loughlin Mulhall, '63
Kathleen Phillips, BA, daughter of Norma Bordallo Phillips, BA, '55 (R.I.P.)
Kristina Dam, BS, daughter of Monica Dam, BA, '80, MS, '84
Christina Bregante, BS, daughter of Kathleen Fleming Bregante, BA, '60

Two by Two

The members of the Alumnae Association extend best wishes to the following alumnae and their spouses:

'59 Gail Esker to Stanley P. Bucklein
'60 Joan E. Viery to William Clark
'82 Carol La Fourcade to John Hightower
'88 Caryn J. Ruiz to Joseph H. Nadeau
'91 Carol Jansen to Anthony F. D'Agnese
'92 Therese Corpuz to Carlo Soogrim
'95 Heather A. Kuhn to Michael Neal
'95 Martha Verduzco to Juan C. Charre

By-Lines

The members of the Alumnae Association extend congratulations to the following alumnae and their spouses on the birth of their children:

'71 Mathew Dimitri adopted by Mary Kirst-Wros
'80 Nathan Thomas Nord to Rita Sequeira, 2nd child, 2nd son
'80 William Robert, Jr. to Barbara Mickens Washington, 1st child
'82 Mia Solana to Rebecca Kennedy Bertalan, 2nd child, 1st daughter
'84 Eric Robert to Ann Holverson Chance, 2nd child, 2nd son
'84 Allison Mariette to Caroline Spotts Corralejo, 3rd child, 2nd daughter
'84 Annie Ellen to Karla Ross, 1st child
'86 Solomon Dane to Abbylynn Bagos-Hood, 2nd child, 2nd son
'86 Hannah Marie to Ann Dempsey Olsen, 2nd child, 1st daughter
'87 Margaret Jeanine to Christina Longo Porter, 1st child
'87 Madilyn Fay to Dawn Wigham Zawalnicki
'90 Daniel to Tina Lomando Carns, 3rd child, 1st son
'90 Twins, Jennifer Keline and Christopher David to Kelly Fitzgerald Harrison, 1st son and daughter
'91 Matthew Robert to Janice Swenson Moore, 1st child
'93 Katharine Elizabeth to Joanne Sanford Duke
'95 Sabrina Nikole to Veronica Garibay Villasenor, 2nd child, 1st daughter

The Reading Room

One of my best reads this year has been David Guterson's "Snow Falling on Cedars" (Vintage, 1995), a beautifully written novel that explores deep themes — Japanese-American families in the San Juan Islands, World War II, Manzanar, interracial love, murder, courtroom drama in the frozen world of a blizzard. But what is unforgettable is the delicate and relentless probing into the memory and conscience of the men and women involved in this mysterious story.

Sister Mary Williams
English Department Chair

I wasn't going to read, let alone buy, a book regarding the O.J. Simpson trial. Practically everyone involved in that obscenity appeared guilty to me: the defendant, the judge, the jurors, the witnesses and particularly the lawyers. I experienced an intellectual/emotional tug-of-war during the trial — marveling at the phenomenon but wanting to reach through the TV screen and throttle the participants; wanting to be informed but disgusted with myself, like a rubbernecker passing a roadside accident. I didn't want to encourage anyone toward more such sensationalism by buying a book. However, Christopher Darden's "In Contempt" kept calling to me from the pages of the L.A. Times Book Review Best Seller List.

In reading Darden's book, I met a person unlike myself in all apparent ways, yet who values the things I value. Darden speaks of his people, calling for African Americans to be just, despite the bonds of race, even as he calls for an end to the violence among them. Yet, all America is becoming more and more divisive and fragmented, breaking into smaller and smaller groups. Instead of a cohesive citizenry, we are packs of gangs, challenging one another. Until we vaporize the fences of antagonism between races, nationalities, religions, political parties and economic classes, injustice will prevail. All America needs a voice calling the people to unity and justice. Darden makes me believe our best selves are all his people.

Like all good stories, I didn't want this one to end. I was in tears as I finished it. On the final page, Darden says, "I wanted to write a book about race and justice. A book that would remain on bookshelves and in libraries for the next hundred years." I believe he has accomplished just that.

Liz Swiertz Newman '61

Can you recommend a book?

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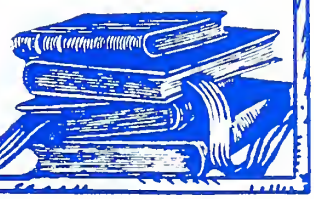

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'53 mother of Barbara Scherrer Holland
'57 mother of Donna Dunne Jewett
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'58 mother of Maria Alicia Martinez
'60 mother of Patricia Skrocki Geiger
'63 husband of Virginia Leitold Kelly
'67 sister of Noreen Emerson Frieling
'67 brother of Adela Sayles O'Brien
'70 father of Muriel Brady Bowes
'71 husband of Kathryn Schumaker Miller
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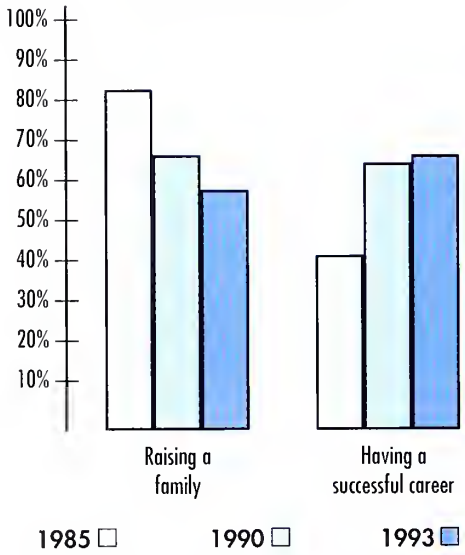
The Survey Says...

How does Mount St. Mary's know that it's accomplishing its educational goals? One way is through the Alumnae Survey which is mailed to a different group of alums each year.

In fall 1995, the survey was mailed to alums from the classes of 1985, 1990 and 1993, and included questions about their major, length of time at MSMC, satisfaction with their academic experience, current occupation, frequency of volunteer work and other queries.

Values Identified as Personally Very Important



There was a 52 percent response rate, quite a jump from the previous rate of 35 percent.

The results indicate that alums' values vary with age, as do their feelings about their MSMC education.

A high number of alums, 75 percent, said they would recommend Mount St. Mary's to someone else, and their comments indicate they value a women's college education.

"With these surveys we are assessing the effectiveness of the mission of the College," says Stephanie Cubba, director of institutional research and assessment. "We want alums to know that these results are having an impact on our strategic plan and changes are occurring based on their responses."

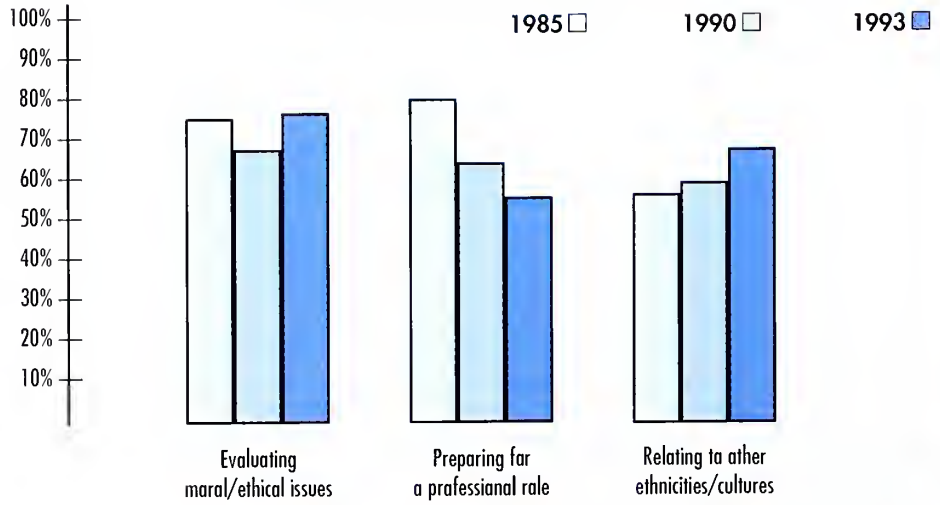
Such changes include the already-implemented emphases on problem solving and public speaking, and a plan to improve math offerings across the curriculum.

In terms of values, more 1985 and 1990 graduates identified raising a family as their most important value, while the greatest number of 1993 graduates felt having a successful career was more important.

The majority of 1990 and 1993 graduates felt the greatest weakness of their Mount education lay in mathematics, while 1985 graduates felt the weakness was in public speaking.

In regard to their education, the majority of 1990 and 1993 graduates felt their ability to evaluate moral/ethical issues was greatly enhanced by MSMC, while most 1985 graduates felt the College prepared them for a professional role.

Percent Indicating MSMC Education Greatly Enhanced the Following Areas



Alum Studies Safety of Cabbies, Police Officers

IF YOU ARE A CAB DRIVER, police officer or bartender, congratulations on making it this far.

You, along with security guards, gas station attendants, small store owners, and restaurant, liquor store and protective agency employees, rank among the most vulnerable employees to workplace violence in the U.S., according to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. In fact, workplace violence is responsible for more than 20 percent of work-related deaths in the United States.

But how do you avoid assault injuries in a high-risk occupation? Surprisingly few studies have focused on identifying the determinants of such injuries, so no specific risk factors or standards on preventative strategies have been developed. Until now.

A member of the research team studying predictors of work-related assault injuries is Kathryn Brown '89.

Brown's involvement in the Leadership Program, Model United Nations, the Social Justice Committee, and being a Resident Assistant at MSMC led her to pursue a career in public health, particularly after she was assigned to the World Health Organization in Model United Nations where her eyes were opened to "the critical need to protect, promote and restore people's health . . . all over the world."

> "As the project coordinator of the workplace violence study, Brown oversees a staff of five graduate researchers."

After leaving MSMC with a biology degree, she entered the master's program at UCLA's School of Public Health where she worked as a student researcher in "injury epidemiology" a first step toward research in injury prevention.

As a student, she looked at motorcycle injuries and crash dynamics in Los Angeles County, she did a child pedestrian study that documented pedestrian and bicycle injuries in Long Beach, and an intervention program to help educate children and parents about pedestrian safety. As a professional, she has studied the effectiveness of regulation and non-standard motorcycle helmets in preventing injuries, and the effect of low-back supports on the incidence of work-related acute low-back injury.

Kathryn Brawn '89 callects data as she investigates pedestrian and bicyclist injuries.

AS THE PROJECT COORDINATOR of the workplace violence study, Brown oversees a staff of five graduate researchers. They analyzed many businesses in terms of their hours of operation, cash handling practices, visibility and lighting, employee training, the presence of security alarm systems and video cameras, the location of check-out counters and the number of points of entry to the business. These factors all impact a business's risk of workplace violence.

They found that where there is effective employee safety training and consistent review of safety policies, businesses improve their chances of preventing intentional injuries to their employees.

Brown presented the results at the National Safety Council Conference in Dallas in November 1995, and at the International Conference on Injury Prevention and Control in Melbourne, Australia, this February.

Thanks to her findings, she is indeed contributing to promoting and restoring people's health all over the world.

Peace of Mind

HERITAGE SOCIETY

I have a will. Until recently I couldn't say that. It took the death of a close friend to wake me up. Now I'm wondering why I procrastinated so long.

My will provides peace of mind. For years I lived with the nagging apprehension of what would happen if I died without a will. It took a little time and effort and cost some money, but it was well worth it. My will was drawn up by an attorney and is legally valid. This is of utmost importance; all too often a self-drawn will leaves out statements that eventually bring on unexpected costs. Furthermore, my will is safely stored and my personal representative knows how to find it.

My will reflects my wishes. It makes provision for family members in a way state statutes would not do. It establishes a trust that will reduce estate taxes, and it lets me disperse money to my heirs in an orderly manner.

My will is up-to-date and can be amended. It reflects my current situation, but life never stays the same. New estate laws may arise, family members may develop different needs, and/or the composition of my estate may change. My attorney says, "An out-of-date will can be as harmful as having no will at all." However, it is not locked in concrete. I can change it easily, either by adding a codicil or by simply having it redrafted.

My will fulfills my desire to give back to society. I have named Mount St. Mary's College in my will. Without schools like my alma mater I could not have received the education that I wanted. Now I believe I have a responsibility to contribute toward MSMC's future and to the kind of society that MSMC endeavors to foster.

Margaret Donovan Kelly '37

Morgoret Kelly in 1937

We are deeply grateful to all Heritage Society members, and we extend a warm welcome to those who have joined recently: **Dr. Virginia B. Smith,** MSMC Trustee, has established a gift annuity. **Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Vaughan** have named the College in their wills; Robert Vaughan is a Trustee Emeritus and is currently a Regent; both Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan are Mount Associates. **Mr. Jerome C. Byrne,** Regent and Mount Associate, has named the College in a trust. **Dr. Joan Todd,** former faculty member, and her husband, Hal, have named MSMC in their wills. **Dr. MaryGail Hutchins '61** has included the Mount in her insurance policy; **Mrs. Mary Ann Whitney '58** is remembering MSMC in her will; and another alumna, who wishes to remain anonymous, has also included MSMC in her will.

Sister Catherine Therese Knoop
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The Mount Associates are a 10

The Mount Associates celebrated their 10-year anniversary with "An Evening to Remember" at the Doheny Mansion June 9. The dinner and dance featured big band music performed by the Karla Ross Band, and a menu personally prepared by celebrated chef Joachim Splichal, owner of the highly acclaimed Patina Restaurant in Los Angeles.

The Associates are committed to providing unrestricted funds to Mount St. Mary's College in support of areas like student financial aid and academic programs. Special events co-chair Mark Foster encouraged attendees to become partners with the College. "All of us here have given of our finances, but the College also needs your ideas, talents and time." He also stressed that Associates should get their friends involved in MSMC. "There are many people out there who would like to contribute somehow to support the College's mission, if they only knew more about it," he said.

Mount Associates consist of alumnae and friends of the College. To encourage new alumnae to join, special membership rates are available for individuals through age 34. If you would like to know more about the Mount Associates, call Theresa Davis, (310) 471-9807.

Jim ond Shirley Chilton enjoy "An Evening to Remember."

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